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DAR COUNCIL ACTIVITY REPORT
15 January 1997

FAR/DFARS Cases Discussed:

96-D028	Streamlined R&D Test Results: Test Oversight Committee (TOC) reviewed 24 month test results of streamlined R&D contracting procedures which began in October 1994. TOC recommended retaining procedures, with some recommended changes to DFARS. A minority report, by the case manager and member of the TOC, recommended that the streamlined procedures be discontinued. The TOC, with the support of DDR&E, prepared a rebuttal to the minority report. DAR Council agreed to allow test procedures to continue and to develop Internet capability/access for that purpose.	Met with TOC Cmte. Cmte tasked to update DFARS 235.70 so that participating activities can resume using procedures. Report due 01/29/97. Case 97-D002 will develop new the processes/procedures for activities contracting for R&D to use the info to be available on Internet.
96-D323	Year 2000 Software Conversion: The FAR Case 96-607 interim rule provided agencies with appropriate language for use in solicitations and contracts on a timely basis to ensure that Federal agencies do not procure non-compliant information technology products, including hardware, software, and systems, that would otherwise require premature replacement or costly repairs to make them Year 2000 compliant before December 31,1999. Published in the <i>Federal Register</i> 01/02/97.	Agreed that DFARS case should be closed. FAR coverage is sufficient, so there is no reason to have separate DFARS coverage.

NOTE 1: FAC 90-44 was published in the *Federal Register* on 12/31/93. FAC 90-45 was published on 01/02/97.

NOTE 2: The last DAR Council meeting was held on 12/20/96.